

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Jacheon LEE, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SIMVASTATIN

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman *et al.* US 4,444,784 ("Hoffman *et al.*") taken with Taoka *et al.* US 6,331,641 (US equivalent of WO 00/34264, "Taoka *et al.*") in view of Dabora *et al.* US 5,159,104 ("Dabora *et al.*").

The references were cited in the previous Office Action. Hoffman *et al.* is relied upon to teach preparing simvastatin from lovastatin by hydrolysis of the lactone ring using lithium